

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as members of the Cambridge Human Rights Commission for a term of three years, effective Apr 6, 2010: Melissa Gonzalez-Brenes, Bevin Croft
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-38, regarding a report on adding side streets from Cambridge to Binney Streets between First and Second Streets to the regular street sweeping schedules.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-43, regarding a report on the status of the streetscape improvements to the intersections of Everett and Chauncy Streets at Massachusetts Avenue.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-52, regarding a report on the possibility of structuring the parking ticket system in a way that would increase parking tickets as people stay longer at expired meters or general no-parking spots.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-55, regarding a report on the policy of on-street parking spaces being used by construction workers.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-09, regarding a report on requirements of tap water being available on request at licensed establishments.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-42, regarding a report on whether the First Street corridor project can be extended to include visual improvements such as lighting.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, requesting authorization in accordance with Chapter 30B to solicit bids for a 5-year contract for regular school bus transportation services.
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-33, regarding a report on the following questions with reference to the Main Library: plans for the public meeting spaces; use of the Library by high school students; usage date being collected; plans for a cafe space; and use of the underground parking.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. Charter Right exercised by Councillor Reeves on Order Number Four of Apr 5, 2010 regarding the dedication of the gymnasium in the Sheila Doyle Russell West Cambridge Youth and Community Center at 680 Huron Avenue in honor of Kenneth Holway.

ON THE TABLE

2. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a copy of the referral of Order Number 15 of Dec 21, 2009, regarding increasing the amount of public information about elections while the election is in progress, to the 2010-2011 City Council.

[Communications and Reports from City Officers #1 of Jan 11, 2010 Placed on Table.]

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Carriage House Salon, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 33 Church Street.
2. An application was received from Vision House, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 7 JFK Street.
3. An application was received from Big Picture Framing, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 2044 Massachusetts Avenue.
4. An application was received from Mass Ave Music, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 1904 Massachusetts Avenue.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from the Department of Public Utilities, transmitting a copy of the Condensed Financial Return for the year ended Dec 31, 2009 for NSTAR Electric Company.
2. A communication was received from the Department of Public Utilities, transmitting a copy of the Condensed Financial Return for the year ended Dec 31, 2009 for NSTAR Gas Company.
3. A communication was received from Sharon Stichter, regarding Garfield and Massachusetts Avenue traffic calming.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Happy 100th Birthday wishes to Bertha Clementine Jackson. Mayor Maher
2. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Raymond N. Pacleb. Councillor Decker
3. Commending Jamie Dixon of the Department of Public Works for his exceptional response to a life-threatening emergency. Councillor Toomey
4. Congratulations to the Asian American Civic Association on their annual fundraiser and gala on May 7, 2010 at the Harvard Museum of Natural History. Councillor Cheung
5. Commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Councillor Cheung
6. Urge all residents to support and be cognizant of the Walk for Hunger on May 2, 2010. Councillor Cheung
7. Congratulations to the Dance Complex for being listed among the country's best non-profit organizations. Councillor Cheung
8. Congratulations to Tanya Ford on being chosen as the City's Executive Director of the Election Commission. Councillor Cheung
9. Urge all residents to be cognizant of the Cambridge Science Festival which will take place from Apr 24 through May 2, 2010 in various locations throughout the city. Councillor Cheung

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to make City staff available to the Economic Development Committee to look at current real and personal property taxation issues which affect entrepreneurial businesses within the city. Councillor Cheung

2. That the City Council reappoint D. Margaret Drury as City Clerk for a term beginning June 1, 2010 and ending May 31, 2013. Mayor Maher
3. That the City Council reappoint James Monagle as City Auditor for a term beginning June 1, 2010 and ending May 31, 2013. Mayor Maher
4. That the City Council place a temporary moratorium on designating any location under its control as "in memoriam" until such time as naming criteria are developed by the Government Operations Committee and adopted by the City Council. Mayor Maher
5. That the City Council go on record urging Cambridge's Delegation to the Great and General Court to support Section 25, the Municipal Early Retirement Incentive Program, contained in the HB4526. Mayor Maher
6. Declare the week of May 16-22 "Hepatitis B Awareness Week." Councillor Cheung
7. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate department heads on requisitioning a study on the feasibility of a wind turbine at Danehy Park and the wind harvesting potential of the site. Councillor Cheung
8. City Council support of Massachusetts State House Bill 4393 which would help property owners finance investments for energy efficiency and renewable energy investment. Councillor Cheung

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Councillor Craig Kelley, regarding the City Manager's communication about Walden Street Crosswalk.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Apr 12

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Apr 13

6:00pm School Committee Roundtable discussion on mathematics (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 26

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Apr 29

5:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to consider a proposed Zoning Amendment to Section 20.70 Flood Plain Overlay District which meets the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program regulations and adopt the revised Map and Study, as required by FEMA as a condition of continued eligibility in the National Flood Insurance Program. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 3

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, May 4

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, May 5

9:30am The Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss FY2011 City Budget. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, May 6

5:00pm Ordinance Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 10

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, May 11

5:00pm Ordinance Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, May 12

6:00pm The Finance Committee will conduct a public meeting for the purposes of providing a summary to community leaders of the city's current and proposed budget and an explanation of how state and federal budget cuts have impacted the city's budget. This meeting to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, May 13

9:30am The Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss FY2011 City Budget. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 17

4:00pm 2010 Scholarship Award Ceremony (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm Roundtable Meeting on single stream recycling and related trash management issues (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, May 18

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, May 19

6:00pm The Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss FY2011 School Department Budget. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, May 20

9:30am The Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss FY2011 City Budget (if necessary). This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:00 Ordinance Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 24

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, June 1

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 7

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 14

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, June 15

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 21

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Apr 12, 2010

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has a strong history of supporting entrepreneurship and small business development; and

WHEREAS: Due to Recovery Act funding of new energy-related businesses and the independent efforts taken by local universities to promote and cultivate a community of technology development and entrepreneurship focused on clean energy generation, transmission, and usage, many new companies have gotten their start in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Several of those high-profile, high-growth companies have not stayed in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Increasing the number of growing companies contributing to our local economy and keeping our current small businesses afloat will have broad benefits for our city's residents; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to make city staff available to the Economic Development Committee to look at current real and personal property taxation issues which affect entrepreneurial businesses within the city; and be it further

ORDERED: That staff review and report back to the Economic Development Committee of the City Council on state taxation guidelines and statutes that could potentially be adopted or changed to impact new business development, including but not limited to the taxation of R&D related personal property, economic distress regulations, and real estate related tax increment financing, for the purpose of encourage new business growth and job creation.

O-2 Apr 12, 2010

MAYOR MAHER

ORDERED: That the City Council reappoint D. Margaret Drury as City Clerk for a term beginning June 1, 2010 and ending May 31, 2013.

O-3 Apr 12, 2010

MAYOR MAHER

ORDERED: That the City Council reappoint James Monagle as City Auditor for a term beginning June 1, 2010 and ending May 31, 2013.

O-4 Apr 12, 2010

MAYOR MAHER

ORDERED: That the City Council place a temporary moratorium by the City Council, on designating any location under its control as "in memoriam" until such time as naming criteria are developed by the Government Operations Committee and adopted by the City Council; and be it further

ORDERED: That said moratorium shall exclude any previously order adopted by the City Council.

O-5 Apr 12, 2010

MAYOR MAHER

WHEREAS: Governor Deval Patrick filed legislation on Jan 22, 2010, entitled "An Act Relative to Municipal Relief"; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge should have access to a diverse array of financial tools for coping with the current economic climate; and

WHEREAS: Section 25 of HB4526: An Act Relative to Municipal Relief provides an optional Early Retirement Incentive Program for cities and towns; and

WHEREAS: This program would allow a limited number of long term employees to receive early retirement benefits, while restricting the City's ability to refill those same positions to no more than 30%, 45% and 60% of the former total salaries over the next three years, respectively; and

WHEREAS: The Early Retirement Incentive Program would provide the City of Cambridge the authority to determine whether this program is appropriate for our community; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record urging Cambridge's Delegation to the Great and General Court to support Section 25, the Municipal Early Retirement Incentive Program, contained in the HB4526: An Active Relative to Municipal Relief; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to transmit copies of this resolution to The Senate President, The Speaker of the House and the entire Cambridge Delegation to the Great and General Court.

O-6 Apr 12, 2010

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Despite the fact that chronic viral hepatitis is the most common blood borne infection in the United States, there is currently no routine and universal screening in place for early detection; and

WHEREAS: Hepatitis B is a serious infection of the liver caused by the hepatitis B virus (HBV), and can lead to premature death from liver failure or liver cancer, with an estimated 46,000 new infections domestically each year; and

WHEREAS: HBV is dubbed a "silent killer" because it often infects people without symptoms, and when symptoms do appear, it is often too late for treatment to be effective; and

WHEREAS: A simple 3-shot hepatitis B vaccine can provide lifelong protection against HBV; and

WHEREAS: Although Asians represent less than 10% of the total population in the Boston area, they account for greater than 50% of new chronic hepatitis B cases; and

WHEREAS: The goal of Hepatitis B Awareness Week is to highlight the global nature of chronic viral hepatitis epidemics and recognize the need for a comprehensive public education and awareness campaign designed to help infected patients and their physicians identify and manage the secondary prevention of the disease, and to help increase the length and quality of life for those diagnosed with chronic hepatitis B infection; now therefore it be

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council declares the week of May 16-22 "Hepatitis B Awareness Week;" and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council supports raising awareness of the risks and consequences of chronic hepatitis B infection, and the urgency for a robust governmental and public health response to protect the health of Cambridge residents; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of the resolution to TEAM HBV at Harvard on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-7 Apr 12, 2010

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Not since 2003, when the City commissioned a report from HMFH Architects, Inc., has the city looked into the feasibility of a wind turbine at Danehy Park and the wind harvesting potential of said site; and

WHEREAS: Since the release of this report the price of electricity has skyrocketed; and

WHEREAS: The 2003 report only allowed for the consideration of a 250 kW turbine; and

WHEREAS: New technology can accommodate a 600 kW turbine or larger; and

WHEREAS: Since the release of the HMFH Report, the cities of Medford and Hull have instituted successful wind turbine programs that have far exceeded expectations, with Hull's second wind turbine being sited on a former landfill, similar to Danehy Park; and

WHEREAS: A wind turbine in Cambridge could not only be a proud and visible stepping stone to a greener future but could also save the city millions of dollars in electricity over time; now therefore it be

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate department heads on requisitioning a study on the feasibility of a wind turbine at Danehy Park and the wind harvesting potential of the site; and be it further

ORDERED: That the report include measurements for the largest possible turbine for the site and analyze the advantages of Danehy Park, including its higher elevation than the surrounding area.

O-8 Apr 12, 2010

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council is always looking for new ways to green our economy and stimulate job growth; and

WHEREAS: Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) enabling legislation would allow Cambridge to establish voluntary opt-in improvement districts, known as PACE districts, to help property owners finance investments for energy efficiency and renewable energy investment; and

WHEREAS: This arrangement spreads the cost of clean energy improvements-such as energy efficient boilers, upgraded insulation, solar installations, etc - across a payment plan that automatically transfers to the next property owner if the property is sold; and

WHEREAS: Surveys report that limited capital availability is cited as the most common barrier to capturing potential energy savings, and PACE bonding mechanisms offer many advantages over traditional loans for financing energy efficiency retrofits; and

WHEREAS: The PACE bond market has the potential to dramatically accelerate the energy retrofitting of America's building stock and the passage of PACE legislation would benefit property owners, existing lenders, and create job growth; and

WHEREAS: PACE enabling legislation has passed in nearly twenty states over the past year; and

WHEREAS: PACE enabling legislation is now up for debate in the Massachusetts State House, Bill #4393; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That The Cambridge City Council go on record urging the Cambridge delegation to support said legislation; and be in further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to transmit copies of this order to the entire Cambridge Legislative Delegation on behalf of the entire City Council.